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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: INITIAL REACTIONS FROM MISSION CONTACTS INDICATE THAT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE TRANSPIRED DURING THE MEETING OF THE EC/ TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL IN LUXEMBOURG ON OCTOBER 14. THE TURKS REITERATED THEIR "IRREVERSIBLE" POLICY OF MOVING TOWARD FULL
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COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP. SPECIFIC DISCUSSION INVOLVED THE NEED TO

PROTECT TURKISH INFANT INDUSTRIES AND TO FURTHER HARMONIZE SOCIAL MEASURES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EC/TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MET IN LUXEMBOURG ON OCTOBER 14. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARD FULL COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP AND EMPHASIZED THE IRREVERSIBLE NATURE OF THE EC/TURKISH ACCORDS. HE NOTED THAT THIS POLICY WAS BASED ON TURKISH POLITICAL THINKING AND NOT ON THE ACTIONS OF ANY OTHER STATE (READ GREECE). WITH REGARD TO THE PACE OF ADVANCEMENT FROM ASSOCIATION TO FULL MEMBER STATUS, GUNES SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE GROWTH OF TURKISH INDUSTRY. HE SAID THAT TURKEY INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT ITS DEVELOPING INDUSTRIAL BASE UNTIL THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND COMPETITION FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE COUNCIL REFERRED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CONCERNING TURKISH DUTIES ON EC PRODUCTS TO THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE - THE SUB-MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP- FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

3. GUNES SAID HE THOUGHT RECENT EC INITIATIVES (HE MENTIONED THE GLOBAL MEDITERRANEAN POLICY, THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, THE GENERALIZED PREFERENCES SCHEME, AND THE ACP NEGOTIATIONS) WERE "ERODING" THE PREFERENCES GRANTED TO TURKEY BY VIRTUE OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. IN RESPONSE, EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES SAID THAT IT WAS VITAL FOR THE EC TO HAVE A DEGREE OF OPENNESS TOWARD THE OUTSIDE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS CREDIBILITY. AS TURKEY PROGRESSED TOWARD FULL MEMBERSHIP, SOAMES SAID, IT WOULD SEE INCREASING BENEFITS FROM THIS POLICY OF OPENNESS.

4. QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOCIAL ISSUES (PENSIONS, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, ETC.) WERE REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE. TURKEY IS TO SPECIFY ITS DEMANDS IN THIS SECTOR BY THE END OF 1974. (REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS CLAIMED THAT THEY NOW MEET MOST OF THE TURKISH REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, IN A TALK WITH US A GERMAN SOURCE ESTIMATES THAT IT WOULD COST THE FRG APPROXIMATELY ONE BILLION DM OR ABOUT \$396 MILLION FOR THE FULL EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS TO ITS TURKISH RESIDENTS.)

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5. IN A RESTRICTED MEETING, OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE NINE, BRIEFED THE TURKS ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF CSCE, THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, AND ON EC-US RELATIONS.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NO GREAT SUBSTANTIVE STRIDES WERE MADE, BOTH SIDES DESCRIBED THE COUNCIL AS PRODUCTIVE, OBSERVING THAT

IT PERMITTED A GOOD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. ALSO CLEAR, HOWEVER,
IS THE TURKISH HOPE THROUGH THEIR APPROACH AND REASONABLE
ATTITUDE AT THIS SESSION THAT THE MEETING WOULD FURTHER ADD
TO THEIR "POLITICAL RESPECTABILITY" IN EUROPE AND SHOW THEM AS
RESPONSIBLE AND WORTHY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES. FOR VIEWS OF EC COM-
MISSION OFFICIALS ON TURKISH AND GREEK ASSOCIATION SEE
REFTEL, END COMMENT. GREENWALD

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